

Schizandra chinensis?, Natural size, S P.I. No. 40025.

"Clusters of ripe fruits, growing on a slender, woody vine found between tall scrub on shady places. The carmine-red berries are of the size of currants and possess a sub-acid, spicy, aromatic taste but the last somewhat too pronounced to make it readily acceptable to the majority of people. The Chinese are very fond of it and claim it has medicinal virtues, being a blood-purifer. The plant deserves to be experimented with as an ornamental covervine on shady places. Chinese name "Wu wei tzu;" meaning "fruit of five tastes." Photograph taken at Paoki, Shensi, China, Sept. 12, 1914, by Frank N. Meyer.